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In re Application of:)	
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Divisional of Prior Application)	
No.: 10/370,922)	
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Prior Application Filed: February 20, 2003)	
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Title: ARTICLE FOR GROOMING PETS)	

First Preliminary Amendment Accompanying Divisional Application

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the request for a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53 (d) of prior application number 10/370,922 filed on February 20, 2003.

Preliminary to examination of the application and prior to calculation of the filing fee for this application, please amend the application as follows:

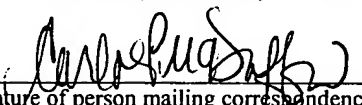
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